

REMARKS

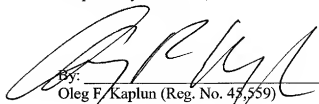
In response to the Advisory Action mailed on December 23, 2009 in the above-identified application, Applicants hereby submit this Response and Request for a Final Office Action. Applicants respectfully submit that the Advisory Action was issued in error for the following reason.

On August 19, 2009, a Non-Final Office Action was issued in this application. The Non-Final Office Action was mistakenly characterized in the PAIR by the USPTO as "a Final Office Action." On November 19, 2009, Applicants have filed an Amendment in response to this Non-Final Office Action. The USPTO has mischaracterized this Amendment in the PAIR as "an Amendment under Rule 116 in response to the Final Office Action". Based on the above mischaracterization, the Advisory Action was issued on December 23, 2009.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that the issuance of the Advisory Action was improper and request that a Final Office Action be issued and the Advisory Action be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

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